SUPPLEMENT TO THE ORANGEBURG NEWS.

MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR F. J. MOSES, JR., TO THE LEGISLATURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., OCTOBER, 1872.

funding stock under the Acts of September

It will also be seen that I have divided the

reconstruction government assumed control, and "Post-Reconstruction Funded Debt," or

the amount of bonds and stocks which bear

structed government. This latter debt has been subdivided as follows: The first subdi-

vision shows the floating debt contracted by

officers of the reconstructed government found

outstanding when they came into power, and which they converted into a funded debt by

tually created by the reconstructed govern-ment, and for which only they are entirely

The stock known as the three per cents of

carrying on the revolutionary war. At the

ment assumed the debts of the States, in-

these three per cent- and to redeem the prin-

the signatures of the officers of the recon-

and December, 1866.

responsible.

MESSAGE.

House of Representatives:
I have called together your honorable bodies by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution of the State, which authorizes he Governor, "on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly.

I have been impelled to exercise this power my sense of public duty.

and its responsibilities, which attach alike to the Legislative and Executive departments of the State government, will be met, I trust, with a strict regard to the interests of the people at large, from whom they derive their powers. Certain bond creditors of the State, holding

representing bonds of several classes having, in the last resort, appealed to the Supreme Court to pass upon the validity of the State securities held by them, and to afford them the relief to which they deemed themselves entitled, the court have decided that the bonds in question are valid, and that the comptrollergeneral shall, "in obedience to the constitu-tion and laws," levy a tax to pay the interest on the said several classes of bonds, such levy to be made before the 15th day of November proximo, the rate per centum of the tax to be thus levied to be adequate to liquidate the interest past due, and also that for the present

amounting in the aggregate to \$3,549,695,five aundred and forty-five thousand of which have been exchanged for conversion bonds, and are now outstanding in that form,

This decision of the highest judicial tribunal of the State, thus invoked by a portion of the ublic creditors, would seem to State government that it should, without delay, provide for the liquidation of its whole bonded debt, upon some practicable basis of adjustment,-lionorable alike to the State and its creditors,—or prepare to witness proceed-ings, on the part of those who hold its securities, which must eventuate in stamping the State-by the decrees of its own or Federal Courts,—as totally wanting in regard for rivate rights or public faith.

If the General Assembly could, by an instant exercise of its constitutional powers, destroy every bond that bears upon it the impress of the great seal of the State, they

CLASS.

There is a tribunal before which States or dged, as well as individuals. It is the tribunal of public apinior

The verdict of impartial and inexorable hisory is made up from the expressed judgment of fair minded men, delivered on current

Let not that verdict be, that the governent of South Carolina—based upon a broad recognition of the rights of man-contracted a large public debt to provide for its maintenance in the hour of its weakness and remorse-

any honorable Legislator would avowedly re-pudiate any obligation of the State, yet it must be patent to the world that to refu to fail to provide, the means for liquidating the public debt, is, in effect, to repudiate it.

Further delay to act in the premises, b tors, to the extent of our ability, without imposing a grievous burden on the people, is to fix upon South Carolina the stigma of repushame and opprobrium of American States.

I would, however, deem myself unmindful of the high trast that I hold from the people, fellow-citizens, as their chosen representa-tives, if I were to advise that the debt of the State should be liquidated at its full ascertain-

The State satisfies the demands of honor and good faith when it does all that its cir-

The existing bonded debt represents, in mation desired great part, an exemption of the people from high taxation during the period of four years, commencing in 1868.

Its liquidation confers upon us vast reponsibilities and solemu duties.

These responsibilities and duties we cannot

Statement of the Bonded Debt August 1, 1868, Showing the Amount of Each Class since Converted or Redeemed and the Balan

Construction New State House. Construction New State House.

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POST-RECONSTRUCTION BONDED DEBT.

FIRST SUB-DIVISION.

Statement of Ante-Reconstruction Floating Debt and Debt Fundable under Acts September and December, 1866, Funded tro

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Funding Past Due Int. and Prin. 1887 6 113,000 60
Funding Past Due Int. and Prin. 1897 6 114,000 60
Funding Past Due Int. and Prin. 1897 6 114,000 00
Redemption Bills Receivable. 1888 6
Payment Interest Public Debt. 1888 6

August 1, 1868, to October, 1873.

SECOND SUB-DIVISION.

Issued to Change Form of Bonded Indebtedness,

be, at the same time, an act of monstrous in- [troller-general all authority to order any tax levy, has never reached this department, and hence, has not become a law, as was intended by the General Assembly

> The decision, therefore, of the Supreme Court, requiring the comptroller-general to order the necessary levy to pay the interest on the adjudicated bonds, on or before the 15th of November proximo, would—if your honorable bodies had not been convened have been imperative upon the said officer, and he would thus have exercised a power under the operation of a statute which the law-making department of the State government had clearly shown their purpose to re-

> I therefore thought it proper that you, as the representatives of the people in your leg-islative capacity, should be afforded the oppor-tunity in season, after further reflection, of affirming your previous action in the premises,

the popular will. your information, and for that of the people of the State, I have made a thorough and exhaustive examination of the various classes of our public debt, and have prepared tabular statements exhibiting the true status thereof. In this work I have been ably seconded by the unremitting labors of Mr. Walter R. Jones, clerk of the Financial Board, to whom I take this public method of return-

ing my thanks for his valuable assistance.
It is due also to the honorable the treasurer of the State, and to his efficient book keeper, Mr. T. J. Minton, that I should say that I have been afforded every facility in making this investigation, and that I have obtained reliable aid from them in acquiring the infer-

Every piece of stock, or bond, cancelled and filed in the treasury, which has been re-deemed, or for which conversion stock or bonds have been exchanged, has been separately and carefully examined; its number delegate to others, but we must act according to our best understanding, confiding in the integrity of our mative, and in the just judgment of the people, whise rights and obligations are alike represente by the Government of the State. has induced me to convene your honorable celled, or cancelled unused, I have obtained a bodies in extraordinary region is that the complete registry of the bonds and stocks act, which I have seen by very journals, was

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Total Funding Stock Issued, \$146,287.35. Total Converted, \$66,873.41. Balance, \$79,413.94

been in the possession of single families from generation to generation from 1794 to the present time. passed and ratified at your intra madession, ing statement will exhibit the present condi-withdrawing from the hours of the comp-tion of the bonded debt: The Fire Loan stock, amounting to \$303, 343.89, and Fire Loan bonds, amounting to \$481,944.31, are outstanding balances of an original issue of \$2,000,000 of bonds issued as a loan to rebuil the burnt district of the city ANTE-RECONSTRUCTION BONDED DEBT. of Charleston under act of June 1, 1838. The bonds are held in Europe and matured in

1868. The stock matured in 1870 and is owned by citizens of the United State In my opinion these honds and stocks, amounting in the aggregate to \$785,288.20 which are now past due and payable, and also the three per cents, making a total of \$824,124, are not an actual, but a contingent,

liability of the State.

Bank of the State of South Carolina to make Bank of the State of South Carolina to make proper provision for the punctual payment of the interest of such loss as the first state of the interest of such loss as the first state of the bonds of 1859, to aid the Blue Railroad, due in 1865, smounting to the interest of such loan as may be effected \$310,000; also balance of certain stock, upon the credit of the State, under the provisions of this act, and also for the ultimate redemption of the principal thereof;" and, funded, \$1,166,287,35; balance not yet further, "that when the profits of the said Bank of the State of South Carolina shall have in by parties to make even sums of \$100, or paid the interest on cartain stocks and re- \$>0, \$534.17; less fractional amounts relindeemed said stocks (all of which, save the three per cents, have been redeemed long fundable \$116,751,63. for which they have heretofore been since), for which they have heretofore been pledged and set apart, the said profits shall also be considered solemnly set apart for the navment of the interest or the said loss as the bills receivable of the State, payment of the interest on the said loan and the final redemption of the principal thereof."

the Baring Brothers, of London, to negotiate them. They succeeded in disposing of outstanding of \$1.216. about \$1,000,000; the remainder was returned to the bank, converted into registered atock, agent, that these bonds were sold for and sold in the States. The proceeds of the 70 cents on the dollar, realizing \$350,000. sale of these bonds and stocks were deposited. The total amount of bills redeemed by the profrom the bank, giving a mortgage upon the property as security for the loan. The bank \$51,298. received the moneys from the sale of the received the moneys from the sale of the bonds and stocks; it received the interest upon the loans made to the builders, it received the principal of the loans at their reecived the principal of the loans at their maof the State the assets of the bank, which which it was actually applied, have repeatedly been solemnly pledged and Under the act of August 26

the bank stand as security for this loan."

bonds and stocks were sold and the funds gations as they became due."

The Legislature, under act of December Statement of Bonded Debt Created by Reconstructed Government from August 1, 1868, to October, 1873, and Bonds and Stocks

21st, 1865, again pledged and appropriated the assets of the bank—first to the payment of the fire loan bonds in Europe; second to the fire loan stocks in America, and third to

The Legislature, under act of September 15th, 1868, disregarded this contract with should be made: the holders of this loan, and directed 1st. The whole the sale of the assets, under the direction of the Governor, the proceeds to be subject to the order of the Legislature; and also authorized the funding of the bills issued prior to December 20, 1860. The sale of the assets was enjoined by the courts, and the claims of these several classes of creditors what proportion to the ante-reconstruction period, and are still the subject of thirstless. are still the subject of litigation.

The whole history of this loan, as read in the annual reports, both of the officers of the one, but takes in connection with the recom bank and the comptroller-general, conclusive-ly proves that the interest on the loan as it

debt into two historical periods, viz. "Ante-Reconstruction Funded Debt," or the amount of bonds and stocks outstanding when the insufficient to cancel this entire indebtedness, viz., \$824,124; but these facts have been adduced to show that they should be so applied as far as they will go, and the defici y, if any, could afterwards be provided for by the Legislature.

I repeat, therefore, that the fire loan bonds and stocks and the three per cent. stock are not actual, bus contingent debts of the State. The actual obt is thus reduced to \$15,027,

the ante-reconstructed government, which the The aggregate amount of bonds and stocks riginally issued under the several acts authorizing the issue of bonds and stocks for the construction of the new State House the issue of bonds and stocks; the second subdivision represents the funded debt acwas \$2,286,600. Of this sum \$1,034,811.59 have been cancelled, and conversion bonds issued in lien thereof, and \$212,000 have been redeemed, and \$1,251,788.41 are now outstanding in their original form, as will The stock known as the three per cents of 1794, was issued for the purpose of funding certain debts incorred by the State to aid in The faith and funds of the State are sol-

emuly pledged for the payment of the interclose of the war the United States govern- est and principal of this debt. Of the amount outstanding \$38,000 of bonds of 1853 are oursed in earrying on the war. The interest upon this debt was paid by the national government to the State, and the State disbursed their redemption.

The bonds originally issued under the act the amount so received to her creditors. of 1854, as a subscription to the Blue Ridge When the Bank of the State was chartered in Railroad amounted to \$1,000,000. Of this 1812 the moneys received from the United sum \$34,000 have been converted and can-States were turned over to the bank and celled, and conversion bonds issued in lieu, formed a portion of its first business capital. and \$966,000 are now outstanding in their After a few years the United States paid to original form. Unlike the bonds and stocks the State the entire principal of this debt, previously mentioned, no provision has been which amount was also turned over to the made by pledge of the faith or credit of the bank, and it was made the duty of the bank State, or otherwise, for the payment of the principal or interest of these bonds.

to pay the interest annually accruing upon The bonds and stocks originally issued cipal upon presentation. It is, therefore, under the acts of September and December, assumed that this debt is a prior lien upon the 1866, for funding the interest and principal of assets of the bank. Tais stock is held almost certain bonds and atocks past due, aggregate exclusively by citizens of this State, having \$1,166,287,35, as follows

Tringing, as follows.		
Bonds maturing in 1887	509,000 511,000 146,287	00
Total	166,287	85 6,-
Stock matering in 1897	\$48,600 46,200 66,878	00 41
The total huluture outstanding in 613.94, as follows:	156,673 ф1,00	41
Bonds maturing in 1887	463,400 464,500 79,418	00
	009,618	94

These two acts authorized the funding of set authorizing the issue of the "Fire the interest due upon the outstanding bonds Loan bonds" provides that "it shall be the duty of the President and Directors of the \$969,096.44; and also the funding of the amounting to \$3,705.46, making a total amount fundable of \$1,282,801.90; total

amount to \$500,000. These bills were issued The history of this loan is as follows: The redeemable under the act of 1863, was \$300, \$2,000,000 of bonds were issued to the Bank ooo. Of this sum \$298,702 were redeemed by of the State. The bank through its agent, ex-Treasurer Parker, and \$82 have been re-General McDuffle, secured the services of deemed by the present treasurer, as each on outstanding of \$1,216.

in the bank as a part of its working capital. Persons desiring to rebuild the burnt district of Charleston obtained a loau for that purpose been a balance of each to the credit of this

general purposes, still I found it impossible to turity. In justice, therefore, to the tax payers ascertain the object of expenditure to

Under the act of August 26, 1868, to auset spart for the redemption of these bonds and stocks, ought to be immediately so applied.

In the report of the officers of this instituissue amounted to \$1,000,000. On account of issue amounted to \$1,000,000. On account of tion to the Legislature of 1841 it is emphatically asserted "that the *uhole* of the means of ered as saleable as were other bonds of the State. It was, therefore, determined to pre-The president of the bank in his report to the Legislature of date July, 1868, referring to the several pare a second issue of \$1,000,000, to retire and cancel the first issue. to this subject, very justly observed "that it might with propriety be regarded as a debt of the bank rather than a debt of the State. The bonds and stocks were sold and the funds cutive department; \$50,000 were can placed under control of the bank, which was celled and are on file in the treasury; \$450, charged with the distribution of the funds, and also the duty of providing for the payment of the interest and principal of the obligations as they became due."

celled and are on me in the treasury; \$250,000 were never retired, and therefore exist as a debt of the State. The entire amount of the interest and principal of the obligations as they became due." to \$1,450,000. Of this amount \$253,000 have

this debt is chargeable to the ante-reconstruction administration, the following inquiries

1st. The whole period in months from the date the interest was last funded to the date to which the interest was payable under this act, from the proceeds of the sale of these

The language of the act is rather ambigumendation of Governor Scott, in his first mes sage, which recommendation it was the evi ly proves that the interest on the loan as it accrued, and the principal as it matured, were made a preferred claim upon the entire funds of the bank.

In 1843 the late C. M. Furman, then cashier of the bank, made a statement showing the probable operation of the bank in the payment of the public debt, accruing from the 1st July, 1867, to 1st July, 1869, a period of twenty-four months. The interest accruing from July, 1867, to August, 1868, a

the fire loan, there would be a balance of funds in the bank to the amount of \$2,418,-927.35.

I am aware that the available assets of the bank, according to the reports of the Legislative committee of 1868, appointed to investigate this matter, if sold, would probably be incommended the sold and 11-24, amounting to \$785,416 66‡, is chargeable to the latter period, and 11-24, amounting to \$664,583.33‡, is chargeable to the latter period.

It may be proper to state, in connection with this subject that the Legislature, at its session of 1868-69, appropriated \$500,000 for the payment of the interest due for this same period, so that there were really two sources of income to meet this indebtedness In comparing the amount of moneys received from taxes, with the moneys expended on account of appropriations for this same period, t appears that the expenditures, exclusive of the payments for interest, exceeded the re-ceipts from taxes, and therefore, it is assumed that the interest was paid from the remaining

000. Of this sum \$1,259,000 were issued, the others were cancelled unused. Of the am issued \$69,400 were converted and \$1,189,600 are outstanding in their original form. The outstanding, which the committee will prob-bonds prepared under the act of February 17, 1869, for the relief of the treasury, amounted present session. The total amount outstandto \$1,000,000, of which \$101,000 were never issued, and are cancelled and filed in the

are now outstanding in their original form. The stock originally issued under the act of March 23, 1869, for the conversion of State securities, amounted to \$775,700; of which \$711,700 have been converted into conversion bonds, \$6,000 represent stock transferred and \$64,000 are outstanding in the original

treasury; \$43,000 of the remainder have been

exchanged for conversion bonds and \$856,000

The issue of the conversion stock is explained in this way: when application was made to the treasurer by a person holding a bond of the State to have the same exchanged for a conversion bond, the treasu-rer took up such bond and issued in lieu a piece of conversion stock of equal amount, which stock was then cancelled and exchanged for a conversion bond. This roundabout pro-cess was prescribed by the act for the conversion of State securities. Several persons preferred to hold the conversion stock, and, there fore, did not carry the operation further, which accounts for the outstanding balance of \$64,000 before referred to. Of course this amount does not represent an increase of the public debt, but merely represents in another

form some pre-existing obligation.

The said act for the conversion of State securities was \$7,576,500. Of this sum \$1,611,-500 were issued merely to change the form of some pre-existing outstanding indebtedness. in the form of bonds and stocks previously authorized, and hence do not represent an increase of the public debt.

The \$34,000 of conversion bonds converted and cancelled are thus explained.

A person holding \$1,000 of bonds of differ-ent classes (say funding interest, etc., \$300 of the denomination of \$100; funding bills Hank of the State, \$500 of the denomination of \$50, and conversion, \$200 of the denomination of \$100,) would present them to the treasurer, and receive in exchange a piece of sion stock of the denomination of \$1,000. and in exchange for said stock a conversion bond of equal amount. Thus, \$34,000 of conversion bonds found their way back into the treasury, and bonds of the same class, but larger denomination, found their way into the market without increasing the volume of

I repeat, therefore, that there are now out standing \$1,577,500 of conversion bonds issued in strict accordance with law, which are merely the representatives of bonds and stocks of various classes, and, in the aggregate, of equal amount cancelled and filed in the treasury. This statement is based upon my personal examination of said cancelled bonds and stocks, and may be relied upon as ability. accurate in every particular.

There are also outstanding common in bonds

to the amount of \$5,965,000, which represent an actual increase of the publi debt. It has been alleged that these tonds were

hypothecated for security of loans, by order of the Financial Board, and the moneys received therefrom used to cover the deficit of revenue from taxation, or to "bridge the ehasm "between the receipts and appropri-ations, and the State being unable to redeem the bonds at the maturity of the loans, they were forfeited and sold, and thus, by the amount represented upon their face, increased

I will not venture to assert that these alleatious are entirely at variance with the facts, because I have been unable to get access to the records of the Financial Board, or to ascertain the exact time each particular loan was negotiated, and the amount thereof, as also the amount of bonds forfeited for each loan the State failed to discharge at maturity. But this I assert with certainty, that more than one-seventh of said amount is accounted for in snother way.

It appears, that on the 7th of December, 1870, the then treasurer of the State, in a letter addressed to the financial agent, (a copy of which is of record in the treasury,) stated that the State owed a debt of \$303. 343.89, due in 1870, known as Fire Loan Stock, and also a debt of \$250,000, due in 1871, known as State Capital Bonds, which debts the financial bourd had instructed him, the treasurer, to discharge, with authority to make whatever arrangements might be neces-sary therefor. He accordingly placed in said of State securities, amounting to \$800,000, directing him to make such use of said bonds as he might doem necessary to redeem said

\$212,000 of State capital bonds have been redeemed, \$203,000 by the financial agent, and \$9,000 by the treasurer.

Whether the entire amount realized from

the sale or hypothecation of the said \$800,-000 of conversion bonds was barely sufficient to redeem the \$212,000 of State capital bonds, (purchaseable at that time at a price below 80 per cent.,) does not appear. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, and inasmuch as no fire loan stock was redeemed, actually the case.

The bonds issued under the act of March 27, 1869, for the purposes of the Land Com-mission, amount to \$200,000, and under the

It will be seen from the preceding statement that the bonded debt aggregates \$15, so \$300 more than the amount feet the redemption of the last instalment of the fire loan, there would be a balance of feet the fire loan, there would be a balance of funds in the bank to the amount of \$2,418, 1872. This difference is accounted for by the issue on the 18th of November, 1872, of \$300

I am aware that the available assets of the founding steek under the Actual Park and the interest a ter the redemption of the last instalment of the fire loan, there would be a balance of the fire loan, there would be a balance of accruing from August, 1868, to July, 1869, a the first issue \$76,000 have been cancelled, and

FLOATING DEBT.

There is also an unfunded balance of \$116, 751.63, fundable under the acts of Saptember and December, 1866, which may properly be included in the floating debt of the State. The special committee appointed by the

Under the act of September 15, 1868, for funding the bills of the Bank of the State, the American Bank Note Company printed \$1,500, payable to the amount of \$401 850 50 Legislature, session of 1872-73, to invest gate committee asked for further time to continue their examination, which was granted. It is assumed that there is an additional amount ng may be safely estimated at \$500,000.

It is also estimated that there is an unpaid balance of pay certificates of the session of

1872-73, amounting to about \$100,000.

It appears by the treasurer's books that the State is charged with the sum of \$1,797. 352.94, on account of \$3,395,000 of bonds surrendered by the Blue Ridge Railroad in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved March 2, 1872.

There is also upon the treasurer's book a arge miscellaneous floating debt, including unpaid free school fund, and all unpaid ap-propriations, not payable as deficiencies after October 31, 1873, which is estimated at about \$450,000

Interest upon Bonded Debt to October 31, Debt fundable under Acts September and December, 1866... Pay certificates and bills payable sessions of 1870-71, 1871-72... 500,000 00 Pay certificates sension of 1872-73.

Dobt due Blue Ridge Rallroad.

Miscellaneous Floating Debt.

aggregate Floating and Funded Debt. .. \$20,883,901 10 The passive or do-nothing policy which as outsined in the treatment of the public debt, since 1871, has unquestionably proved disastrous to the credit of the State.

The tax payer, relieved for the time being from the payment of an extra tax, regarding the bondholder as a parasite, living at the expense of forced contributions from his small and insufficient revenue, "reaping where he has not sown," has been disposed to let the debt and the holders thereof take care of themselves; hoping that some benificent providence would ultimately relieve him of the burden; caring little whether relief came from repudiation or the assumption of the debt by the national government. But in the meanwhile the unpaid interest accumulates; the probability of the assumption of our debt by the national government is remote: threats of repudiation begin to assume tangible shape and citizens are found bold enough to give them utterance; the bonds of the State are no longer enquired for at the stock exchange;

redemption. It is patent to the unprejudiced mind that unless we propose to adopt in this State that policy which has made the name of the once proud State of Mississippi infamous in the commercial markets of the world, such prompt, immediate action is imperatively deman will demonstrate to the

No one doubts that to levy at this time a tax large enough to caucel our floating indebtedness, or even to pay the accrued and accruing interest upon the bonded debt, would paralyze the business energies of the State, and would be equivalent to an actual confiscation of the property of every citizen. To fund the whole of the floating debt of

par would increase the public debt of the State. This is expressly forbidden by a recent amendment to the constitution, unless two-thirds of the qualified electors of the State, voting upon the ques-tion, should give their assent to such increase. Even assuming that their assent to such increase could be obtained, the present condition and resources of the State do not warrant the collection of an annual tax of about nine mills on the dollar, in addition to all other taxes, to pay interest upon the public

under the circumstances? There are these who even object, strenuously, to the levy of but we must either pay or repudiate. If from January 1871 to October 1873 does not furnish the tax payer a sufficient breathing spell to prepare the way for the resumption of the interest payments, then three additional years with all their interest accumulations will not afford it. But I am satisfied that this class of grumblers comprises but a small minerity of

the tax payers of the State.

They would grumble whether the tax be one mill or ten.

Taxatton is considered an evil always to be shunned; but there are evils much worse than that. The loss of credit, public and private, the continuation of such action as will bring discredit upon the fair name of the State and cloud the honor and ultimate good intentions of the people with suspicion of dishonorable repudiation. History is pregnant with iPGs-trations of the fact that such a remedy is far worse than the disease. It is irrelevant to our present purpose to reflect upon the way the debt has been contracted, or to estimate what consideration the State received in return. The debt exists, and sound public policy demands

The language of the treasurer of North Carolina in his annual report of Nevember, 1872, applies with peculiar force to the present condition of affairs in this State. I can do no better than quote his words and recommend their careful perusal and consideration: "I much fear, while I do not apprehend

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...\$15,851,627 35 Total. *\$5.00 in currency was paid in to make even sum of \$100, hence real amount Conversion Bonds and Stocks issued \$2,387,200.

March 23, 1869..... Conversion State Securities. 1888 6 \$2,550,000 00 August 26, 1868... Payment Int. Public Debt... 1888 6 1,214,683 34

March 2, 1862... Conversion State Securities. 1883
August 29, 1868... Phyment Int. Public Debt... 1888
February 17, 1869. Relief of Treasury... 1888
March 21, 1869... Conversion State Securities. 1888
March 21, 1869... Land Commission... 1888
March 1, 1870... Land Commission... 1888

2,748,830 60 Converted from August 1, 1868, to October, 1873 9,341,083 34 Converted from August 1, 1868, to October, 1873....

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